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## Fifty-Third Annual Session

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# Zion Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

AUGUST 31, A. D. 1888.

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### OFFICERS:

J. T. PRYOR,	MODERATOR.
J. A. COX,	CLERK.
J. H. PRYOR,	TREASURER.

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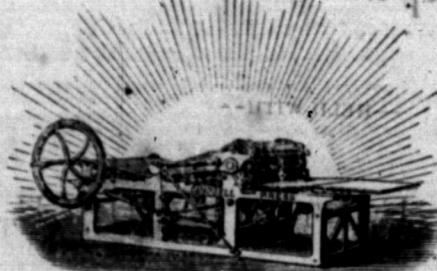
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## [4] MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fifty-third annual session with Bethel Church, Calhoun county, on the 31st day of August, 1888.

At 11 A. M., the appointee, T. N. Lusk, preached the Introductory Sermon from Romans 12:9.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. T. Pryor, who gave a very feeling talk, followed by a touching prayer by A. B. Hicks. The 31st Psalm was then read, and prayer by T. H. Wilson.

The Clerk being absent, J. A. Cox was elected Clerk pro. tem.

On motion, T. N. Ross, R. A. Mallory and J. P. Thompson were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters from thirty-two churches were presented and read.

On motion, P. J. Lusk, Jos. Moore and S. L. Wray were appointed Finance Committee.

The following Churches were represented:

*Antioch*—I. Durham, J. W. Murrah, J. W. Sanders.

*Bethel*—J. J. Fox, Jas. Denton, S. M. Doolittle.

*Bethany*—J. T. Pryor, T. J. Fox, J. P. Thompson.

*Bluff Springs*—L. B. Black.

*Cross Roads*—J. P. Wofford, H. H. Womack, J. T. Griffin.

*Chestnut Springs*—S. G. Taylor, J. B. Love, R. D. Scott.

*County Line*—A. E. Kolb, J. R. Curry.

*Concord*—J. R. Shaw.

*Double Springs*—W. L. Willhouse, James Wofford.

*Fellowship*—A. B. Hicks, C. A. Hicks.

*Greensboro*—J. W. Peeples, Eli Williams. [No letter.]

*Harmony*—S. A. Pittman, J. H. Sledge.

*Hebron*—J. W. Skelton, J. J. McQuary.

*Midway*—Jos. Moore, M. K. Gilder, B. F. Naron.

*Mt. Vernon*—B. Strickland, E. G. Meyers.

*Milligan Springs*—N. J. Sheffield, J. M. Hollimon.

*Montpelier*—W. M. Brassfield.

*Mulberry*—S. L. Wray, Ed. Aldridge.

*Mt. Zion*—W. R. Solley.

*Mt. Pleasant*—J. L. Arnold, S. G. Hunter, J. W. Wright.

*New Liberty*—L. L. Hammond, P. J. Lusk.

*New Hope*—J. R. Skelton.

*Philadelphia*—V. A. Langston, S. E. Parker, D. H. Horton.

*Pleasant Grove (C.)*—D. N. Ross, Joel Ellerson, N. B. Crawford.

*Pleasant Grove (G)*—T. N. Lusk, W. M. Ringold.

*Pleasant Grove (M)*—A. Bruns, W. M. Trainer.

*Pleasant Hill*—A. G. Barton, M. A. Burson.

*Providence*—W. M. Smith.

*Shiloh*—D. A. Pittman, J. A. Dunn.

*Spring Hill*—H. S. Moore, Eli Hardin [No letter.]

*Spring Valley*—Wm. Curry.

*Sabougla*—J. A. Cox, G. W. Hammock, D. D. McPhail.

*Union*—E. G. Shepherd.

*Walhall*—[By letter.]

*Wakeforest*—J. H. Hall.

On motion, the organization was completed by the election of J. T. Pryor Moderator; C. A. Cox, Clerk, and J. H. Pryor, Treasurer.

On motion, J. P. Thompson, L. L. Hammond and J. P. Lusk were appointed to report on Home and State Missions.

On motion, A. Bruns, W. T. Trainer, A. B. Hicks and T. H. Wilson were appointed to report on Temperance.

On motion, S. E. Parker, N. B. Crawford and J. L. Arnold were appointed to report on Church Letters.

On call for Corresponding Messengers, Brother J. T. Christian, representing State Convention Board and Baptist Record, was received.

#### **Returned Correspondence.**

*Aberdeen*—T. H. Middleton, J. F. Mitchell, T. N. Ross.

*Columbus*—E. E. Kolb, William Curry.

*Calhoun*—J. A. Cox.

*Louisville*—A. Bruns, Henry Hammonds.

*Kosciusko*—R. E. Hurt, W. A. Hurt;

*Yalobusha*—C. A. Hicks, T. C. Finnell, D. H. Horton.

*Yazoo*—W. A. Hurt, A. Bruns.

*State Convention*—S. B. Hicks, J. F. Mitchell, J. T. Pryor, T. H. Wilson, A. Bruns, I. Durham, N. B. Crawford, J. A. Cox.

On motion, Wm. Curry and A. E. Kolb, with pastor and deacons of Bethel Church, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion, the Moderation assigned the following subjects to the churches named, to be reported on at next meeting of the Association:

1. Foreign Missions—Bethany.
2. Home and State Missions—Sabougla.

## 3. Ministerial Education—Fellowship.

4. Sabbath-Schools—New Hope.

5. Periodicals—Pleasant Grove (Chickasaw).

6. Temperance—Hebron.

7. Systematic Benevolence—Bethel.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have printed in the Minutes a form for the guidance of Clerks in making their reports to the Association.

**Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises**—W. T. Hicks to preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 A. M.; J. L. Arnold, at 3 P. M., T. H. Wilson, at State Springs, at 7 P. M., J. T. Christian, at Bethel, Sunday, 11 A. M., and T. A. B. Hicks, at State Springs, at 8 P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 A. M.

Prayer by J. L. Arnold.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

For the morning lesson the Moderator read the 150th Psalm.

Prayer by A. B. Hicks.

On motion, the Treasurer's report was read and referred to the Finance Committee. [Appendix A.]

On motion, proceeded to the election of a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Elder J. P. Thompson was chosen.

On motion, all speakers except Brother J. T. Christian, were limited to seven minutes.

**Report on Church Letters received and adopted**. [Appendix B.]

On motion, proceeded to elect place of next meeting, which resulted in the choice of Mt. Pleasant, about midway between Atlanta and Cumberland.

**Report on Foreign Missions received**, and after dis-

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cussion by A. B. Hicks, T. H. Wilson, Joe Moore, A. Bruns and M. A. Burson, was adopted. [Appendix C.]  
 Public collection for Foreign Missions \$15.25.

On motion, Home and State Missions was made the special order for 1 P. M.

Report on Ministerial Education received, and after discussion by T. N. Lusk, J. T. Christian, adopted. [Appendix D.]

The following pledges for Ministerial Education were then taken:

T. N. Lusk..... \$20 00

J. T. Pryor..... 20 00

M. K. Gilder..... 5 00

H. H. Womack..... 5 00

E. A. Pittman..... 2 50

A. B. Hicks..... 5 00

Virgil Langston..... 5 00

A. Bruns..... 5 00

M. A. Burson..... 7 50

L. L. Hammond..... 2 50

J. W. Skelton..... 5 00

W. M. Brassfield..... 5 00

John Skelton..... 5 00

N. J. Sheffield..... 2 00

Ed. Aldridge..... 5 00

Joel Ellison..... 5 00

S. M. Doolittle..... 2 00

W. J. Vance..... 10 00

J. P. Thompson..... 5 00

S. G. Hunter..... 5 00

Eli Hardin..... 12 50

N. E. Doolittle..... 2 50

E. E. Williams..... 5 00

J. M. Holliman..... 1 00

N. B. Crawford..... 5 00

D. H. Horton..... 2 50

Sam Denton..... 2 50

Prayer by C. A. Hicks.

Report on Sunday-Schools received and adopted. [Appendix E.]

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

**Afternoon Session.**

Re-assembled and sung "Nearer my God to Thee."

Prayer by Walter Spencer.

On motion, S. G. Hunter and J. W. Skelton were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

Special order, Home and State Missions taken up. Report read, received, and after a speech of thrilling interest by J. T. Christian, adopted. [Appendix F.]

Report on Periodicals received.

While Brother Christian took orders for the Record, J. A. Cox and T. H. Wilson spoke to the report, and urged the brethren to read more and especially commended our State paper to the patronage of every Baptist.

The report was adopted. [Appendix G.]

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted. [Appendix H.]

Report on Temperance received, discussed and adopted. [Appendix I.]

Report on Systematic Benevolence read, received and adopted. [Appendix J.]

Report on Nominations received and adopted. [Appendix K.]

The following resolutions were introduced, and

On motion, adopted,

By S. E. Parker:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of Bethel Church, and the citizens of the vicinity, for the lavish hospitality extended to delegates and visitors during our session.

By T. H. Wilson:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be allowed \$15 for his services, and he be instructed to expend for printing all the minutes fund remaining, and distribute the minutes in proportion to the amount sent up by each church.

By A. B. Hicks:

*Resolved*, That the deacons of the several churches of this Association, in connection with the pastors, be requested to take quarterly collections for the various objects fostered by this Association, and forward said collections promptly to the Treasurer of this Association.

By N. B. Crawford:

*Resolved*, That it is the wish of the members of this Association that Bro. William P. Cook should take a position in front of the pulpit that they may extend to him the right hand of fellowship as an appreciation of his presence and of the life he has lived.

On motion, the time of meeting was changed to Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

In accordance with Brother Crawford's resolution, Bro. Cook took his position, and while the congregation sang "Blessed be the Tie that Binds," the members, with deep feeling, extending him the right hand of fellowship. Brother Cook is about 80 years old, and one of the pioneer Baptists of this section.

Closing prayer by J. T. Christian.

The Association now adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant Church on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1889:

J. T. PRYOR, Moderator

J. A. Cox, Clerk.

1905 did not make up our total of \$1000.00 that we had  
with the assistance of friends of the Association and of our own, only  
in certain odd circumstances being given under hand signatures  
of friends does our sum amount up to our proposed

## APPENDICES.

To amount in Treasury.....\$ 7 79  
To amount received from Finance Committee.....90 81  
Received of Bethany Church for Min Ed.....56 90  
Received of Bethel Church.....11 05  
Received of Bethany Church for Min. Ed.....9 20  
Received of Hebron Church.....5 50  
Received of New Hope Church.....27 25  
Received of New Hope Sunday School.....12 05  
Received of Philadelphia Church.....16 90  
Received of Saboula Church.....6 15  
Received of Spring Hill Church.....9 00

### A - Treasurer's Report.

#### *J. H. PRIOR, TREASURER, in ac't. with Zion Association.*

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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$244 50</b>

#### RECEIPTS FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

T. N. Lusk.....	\$ 1 00
Cross Roads Church.....	5 00
J. B. Thompson.....	20 00
J. T. Pryor.....	10 00
Bethany Church.....	9 30
J. J. McQuary.....	4 00
Fellowship Church.....	5 00
Saboula Church.....	2 85
J. M. Mann.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove (Chicasaw county).....	2 55
Double Springs Church.....	3 50

Total for Ministerial Education.....\$ 87 50

Total Receipts.....\$321 90

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Sept. 4.—By amount paid W. A. Hurt.....	\$ 48	85
■—By amount paid J. T. Christian.....	49	75

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By amount paid B. W. Griffith.....	48	45
By amount paid H. A. Tupper.....	61	00
By amount paid W. H. Thompson.....	78	90
By amount paid postage.....		90

Total receipts..... \$354.80

Total expenditures..... \$323.51

Balance due Treasurer..... \$61.60

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BRYOR,

Treasurer.

**B—Report on Church Letters.**

Your Committee ask leave to report that we have examined thirty-three letters and find about twenty churches speak of being in a good condition, and a few speak of revivals of religion, while others say nothing of their spiritual condition. One church speaks of the want of brotherly love, one of coldness and another of a want of co-operation of its members. Accessions by baptism, 111; accessions by letter, 107; restoration, 43, total 261. Dismissed by letter, 110; excluded, 46; died, 24; total, 180; increase, 72; total membership, 2892.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. PARKER,

Chairman.

**C—Report on Foreign Missions.**

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: The whole world is open for the reception of the gospel, and from many places the Macedonian cry of "come over and help us," is wasted to our ears by every passing breeze. Eight hundred and fifty-six millions of heathens have never yet heard the glad tidings of salvation, and 100,000 of these are dying daily without any knowledge of Christ, and there is no other name given under heaven among men whereby they can be saved,

Ninety-eight per cent. of the church contributions for religious purposes are spent at home, while only two is applied to the Foreign Mission field.

Our churches are doing next to nothing in giving the gospel to the heathen. Four thousand three hundred dollars is all the twenty thousand white Baptists of Mississippi gave during the last Conventional year to send the gospel to 260,000,000 Catholics and pagans, about an average of six cents a head; and of this amount the Zion Association gave about sixty dollars, or two cents a head. Two cents apiece to send the gospel to a world of heathens, dying at the rate of over a million a month. Yet we sit still and take our easewhile they perish. Truly God will require their blood at our hands. (See Ezekiel 33:2-9) Crist Jesus, for our sakes, became poor that we, through his poverty, might be made rich: but brethren, weare not making ourselves poor much are we? that the heathen might be blessed with the gospel. The last command of our Saviour to His follows was: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The above facts will show how we are obeying this command, and yet we claim to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. Dear brethren, in view of these facts, what will we do? Will we continue to sit still and let the heathens perish without hope and without God while God has so abundantly blessed us with the means of sending them the gospel? (and there are many of our brethren and sisters who are ready to carry them the glad news of salvation if they could be assured of a support) and take the responsibility? or will we arouse from our lethargy and come up to the full measure of our duty in this respect.

We would respectfully urge the pastors of our churches and the superintendents and teachers of our Sabbath-Schools to take hold of this matter and lay it before our people in its true light, and let our motto be a liberal contribution from every member of every church in our Astociations for Foreign Missions during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. H. PRYOR,  
 JERSTHA WAITE,  
 NANNIE HANGH,  
 Committee for New Hope Church.

**D—Report on Ministerial Education.**

Your Committee, to whom was referred this important subject would submit the following report :

Dear brethren, it is an unquestionable fact that the demand for an educated ministry is greater now than it has ever been. Education is on a boom. Good schools spring up all over our country. Parents are educating their children, hence the demand for an educated ministry. The man of God must not be embarrassed in his work. He must show himself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God. "Our first duty is to be fully assured that the student is divinely called to this sacred work. Then we should not hesitate to give him assistance. The gift of God is eternal life, but Peter said, "Thy money perish with thee because thou hast thought the gift of God could be purchased with money!" But, now that we have received that gift of eternal life, he says to us as the children of God, "Give and it shall be given to you again, full measure, shaken down, pressed together and running over." We learn from this that we give temporally and receive spiritually. The Association did nobly at her last meeting in raising funds to sustain Brother Willie Thompson and we are glad to know that our women have taken and are taking such an active part in raising money for Ministerial students and Mississippi College, but there is still room for improvement. Your Committee is of the opinion that the trouble rises from a lack of a missionary spirit on the part of the churches. Country churches want educated ministers, and it sometimes happens that the young minister is educated and in sympathy with his people, and he goes off to the cities for work, because the country churches will not sustain him. Paul admonished Timothy "to flee these things,"

Your Committee would therefore recommend that you devise some plan to educate the churches to co-operate for the mutual benefit of the churches and ministerial education,

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NARON,  
T. N. ROSS,  
W. B. MOORE,  
Committee.

E.—Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:

The Sunday-School is the most promising field of the church. It is the field wherein the seeds of piety and religion are sown and the careful, conscientious sower can expect a bountiful harvest of souls for the Kingdom. While the mind is young and tender is the propitious time for this sowing. What a great responsibility rests upon the parent! Oh! that every parent could hear the voice saying: "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." He tells us to bring up our children in the way they should go, and how are we to know the way unless we study His word? Jesus says: "Search the Scriptures - for they are they which testify of me," and again, "I am the way, the truth and the life." To know Him and to understand His great teachings is to know the way. The study of His word and meditation thereon will cause the beauty of Jesus to flash upon us with more resplendence, and the visitations of the Holy Spirit will be more frequent with those who study His divine word. The parents who carefully train their children for the Sunday-School will not fail of their reward on the last great day. Parental interest in the lesson quickens that of the child and prayer for God's blessing secures that, without which, all effort is vain.

It behoves us all as teachers, superintendents and students to encourage each other in this noble work.

Some will say that they will study the lessons at home and not go to Sunday-School to recite, but experience demonstrates that such persons seldom prove faithful.

We need the inspiration and enthusiasm that is developed by associating together in a good work.

The object of the Sunday-School is to impart a knowledge of God's word.

When we take into consideration the time devoted to Bible study, which would otherwise be devoted to idle play among vicious and corrupting companions, imbibing principles and ideas ruinous to good morals, we must conclude that such an institution as the Sunday-School is one of supreme importance. The hallowed influence of the Sunday-School is felt all through

life. How often in the noon and the evening of life is the downward course of the sinner arrested by the recollection of the sweet songs and golden truths learned in the morning of his career, and he is led to give his heart to God.

It is important that parents should go to Sunday-School with their children and teach them to respect the public ordinances of God, and all professing Christians should encourage such a noble institution by their presence and participation.

The Sunday-School should be made a pleasant and cheerful place. Do away with routine and introduce singing, picnics, celebrations, etc., thereby creating a greater interest and causing the children to attend regularly.

In conclusion, let all of us who profess the name of Christ, work together with zeal and enthusiasm in this great work.

(Adopted by the church in regular conference. J. P. Thompson, Moderator, E. Lovet, Clerk.)

MRS. C. M. GARNER.

MRS. E. D. McKEY,

MRS. G. W. DUDLEY,

Committee.

#### F.—Home and State Missions.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

*Resolved:* That we heartily endorse the work of the State Board as shown in these extracts taken from a recent report of the Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reports \$178,953.82 expended by it in the work of Missions in the Southern States this year. Of this amount Mississippi gave but little; and that, with the exception of what was given to the work in Cuba, was expended on our own field.

There is, however, an increased tendency to give to this Board among our people. Especially is this true in reference to our work among the colored people.

The Board would urge upon the Convention, and through the convention upon the churches, the importance of increased contributions to Home Missions. And again, there have been this year sixty-four missionaries under the Board. Part of them have

given their entire time; while others have labored only a few months, or have only given a limited portion of their time to the Board.

The salaries of the Missionaries vary almost as widely as their fields. In employing missionaries the Board has tried to take in all the circumstances. Sometimes we have worked in connection with other bodies; as the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as in our colored work; the Louisiana Board as in Baton Rouge; with Associations, or Churches.

We frequently say to a body that we will give so much to sustain a specified work provided you will raise such and such an amount. In co-operation with other bodies we do not insist upon any cast iron rules: but rather our methods are flexible that we may meet the requirements of the case. We strive to remember two things; how to extend the Master's kingdom, and how we can best expend the money entrusted to us. We desire to give the people acceptable preaching. We believe in the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes it.

We do not in any instance usurp the authority of the church; for in every instance where we aid a missionary pastor, the church is expected to exercise all its functions in the selection of such a pastor."

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. THOMPSON, Ch'm'n.

#### G.—Report on Periodicals.

Your committee on publications submit the following: We believe it is conceded by all, that the Christian press is a great director of progress in the Christian work. We should encourage a pure and sound literature to be read with the Book of Books—the Bible. In the way of periodicals we would recommend the Southern Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss., and the Baptist published at Memphis, Tenn.. We recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, in order that our people may learn how our Missionary work is progressing in foreign fields. For Sabbath Schools we recommend Kind Words in all its grades, published at Atlanta Ga., all of which, if read would cause us to read the

Bible more, understand it better and make us more efficient in the work assigned us.

MRS. A. WILSON,  
For New Hope Church.

**H—Report of Finance Committee.**

Your Committee ask leave to report the following,

Amount for Minutes.....	\$ 53 90
" Missions.....	61 80
<b>Total.</b> .....	<b>\$115 70</b>

We have examined the Treasurer's report and vouchers and find all correct,

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. LUSK,

N. L. WRAY

JOS. MOORE,

Committee

**I—Report on Nominations.**

Your Committee would report C. A. Hicks to preach the Introductory Sermon, and T. H. Wilson, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. HUNTER,

J. W. SKELTON,

**J—Report on Temperance.**

The criminality of the liquor traffic is no longer debatable ground. Even the United States Supreme Court says: "We cannot shut out of view the fact within the knowledge of all, that the public health, public morals and public safety may be endangered by the general use of intoxicating drinks, nor the facts established by statistics, accessible to every one, that the idleness, disorder, pauperism and crimes existing in the country are in some degree, at least, traceable to this evil."

The Supreme Court of Iowa, speaking of the use of intoxicating drinks, says: "It is the prolific source of crime, pauperism and insanity and deteriorates mentally and physically the human stock."

The admission is now quite general that it "desolates the home and desecrates the ballot," and makes the wail of the worse than widow and the unclean, hungry child ascend to heaven.

**What may be done to check, what to destroy the whisky traffic? That is the question now asked by the Christian, the philanthropist.**

First, your Committee thinks we must, ourselves abstain from the dram drinking habit. There is no precept like example.

Secondly, we should appeal to science and teach our children the evil effects of alcohol. Yes, teach the children; let us strive that the next generation are not drunkards. Teach them then: protect them from temptation by abolishing the saloon from the land. Add to this "moral suasion," and you have all the methods known to your Committee for fighting this appalling evil. Let us adopt all these methods—the appeals to science, to reason and to law with self-restraint; and continue in the van-guard in irrepressible conflict, till our homes and our boys are saved. We note with special pleasure the wide-spread, increased interest and general advance of the temperance movement all along the line. The conflict may be long and bitter, but the Everlasting Arm is in it, and will prevail. All the churches are united here. The present is the auspicious time in Mississippi. The eyes of the immigrant from abroad are upon this sunny land as never before.

Our religious liberty, and indeed our civil institutions, will be safer to ourselves and our posterity, if this gigantic evil be routed before the influx of population is much larger.

God speed the day of triumph!

A. B. HICKS,

Chairman,

#### K—Report on Systematic Benevolence.

Your Committee respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

We find ample evidence in the Bible that giving is a Christian grace, and when exercised in the proper spirit, becomes an act of worship.

We recommend the Scriptural plan of Christian giving as elastic and simple enough for application to all our churches. It is found in the first of the two epistles which were addressed "to the Church of God at Corinth," and also "to all that in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

It is this: "Now, concerning the collections for the saints:

as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the *first* day of the week let *everyone* of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

This comprehends three duties, viz: Giving, gathering and distributing. The first is a *personal* matter between the giver and the Lord, the other two are between the churches and the Lord. This order, which has all the force of an express and positive command, prescribes the amount, the time and the method of giving.

1. This order "Lay by in store," consecrates our gifts. They become sacred, the Lord's, and can be used by us no more than we can use the property of another.

2. Laying by in store "on the first day of the week" makes Christian giving as regular and systematic as Christian worship.

3. The duty is made *personal*. Everyone was to thus lay by in store, not as husbands for wives, or parents for children, or the rich for the poor, but "each one" for himself.

4. This makes the most reasonable and just possible assessment of the amount to be given, viz: "As every one may prosper." Everyone was to judge of his own prosperity. Yearly subscriptions are liable to be discounted when paid, whereas a weekly offering is not.

5. This adapts itself, not to the giver's inclination, but to his circumstances. As the Lord has prospered him he is to lay by.

6. The apostles special reason for this rule of Christian giving was that no gatherings be made when I come."

To sum up, we reiterate emphatically, that giving is a Christian grace and should be cultivated; that it is required of the church of God; that the amount is specified; and that the time is designated. Hence, we are inexcusable if we fail to exercise this privilege and discharge this duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. MARTIN,

W. D. COOK,

E. A. COX,

Committee for Sabougla Church.

**L—Report of Western District.**

The meeting was organized by electing M. C. Allen, Moderator, and J. A. Cox, Clerk.

The next meeting will be held with New Hope Church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1889.

T. N. Lusk to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. C. Finnell, alternate.

**PROGRAMME FOR NEXT MEETING.**

**Query**—“If a minister is excluded from a church and afterwards makes acknowledgements and is restored is it necessary for him to be examined and come under the hands of a presbytery as before?

To answer—T. H. Wilson.

**Query**—“What relation does the Sunday-School have to the church?” A. Bruns.

**Query**—“Is Christ a substitute for the sinner, if so, in what sense?” W. D. Cook.

**Query**—“What is the difference between conversion and regeneration?” J. P. Thompson.

Exegesis, by M. C. Allen on “I am the resurrection,”

Adjourned.

**M. C. ALLEN,**  
Moderator.

J. A. Cox, Clerk.

No report from the Eastern District. — Clerk.

**Form of Letter to Association.**

The Baptist Church of Christ at .....  
to Zion Association. Greeting:

We have delegated Brethren A, B and C to represent us in your present meeting.

(Here insert revival news, spiritual condition, requests and queries.)

**STATISTICS.**

Pastor.....; Clerk.....;

Clerk's postoffice.....; Time of meeting.....; Baptised.....; Re-

ceived by Letter.....; Dismissed by Letter.....; Excluded.....; Died.....; Male membership.....; Female members.....; total membership..... For minutes.....; Foreign Missions.....; Home Missions.....; State Missions.....; Ministerial Education.....; Mississippi College.....; Pastor's Salary.....; All other purposes.....,

Done by order of the Church in Conference on.....  
day of ..... 188.....

..... Moderator.

..... Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE
M. C. Allen.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun County
A. C. Ball .....	Hohenlinden, Webster "
G. H. Duke.....	Wathall, " "
J. C. Finnell.....	Fay, " "
A. B. Hicks.....	Bellefontaine, " "
C. A. Hicks.....	Bellefontaine, " "
W. T. Hicks.....	Lodi, Montgomery "
T. N. Lusk.....	Lodi, " "
T. H. Middleton.....	Cumberland, Webster "
W. S. Middleton.....	" " "
J. F. Mitchell.....	" " "
T. E. Mitchell.....	Lodi, Montgomery "
L. Pugh.....	Montpelier, Webster "
J. P. Thompson.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun "
T. H. Wilson.....	" " " "
J. L. Wilson.....	Bellefontaine, Webster "
Robert White.....	Reagan, Calhoun "
James Wofford.....	Cumberland, Webster "
B. Watson.....	Walthall, " "

### LICENTIATES.

J. J. Edison.....	Bellefontaine, Webster	"
W. H. Thompson.....	Slate Springs, Calhoun	"
J. L. Arnold.....	Cumberland, Webster	"

**STATISTICAL TABLE.**

**CHURCHES.**

**PASTOR.**

**CLERK.**

**CLERKS POSTOFFICE**

Altloch.....	G H Duke.....	A M George.....	Pine Bluff.....
Bethel.....	H H Wilson.....	Charles Denton.....	Selousville.....
Bethany.....	J P Thompson.....	Sam Fox.....	Slate Springs.....
Bluff Springs.....	T N Lusk.....	D W Bennett.....	Walhall.....
Cross Roads.....	A B Hicks.....	W R Pepper.....	Cumberland.....
Chestnut Springs.....	C A Hicks.....	J J Ross.....	Hohenfieden.....
County Line.....	J F Mitchell.....	W T Gwin.....	Cumbepland.....
Concord.....	T H Middleton.....	J B Shaw.....	Ebriby.....
Double Springs.....	Webster.....	J Taylor.....	Spring Greek.....
Eaton.....	Webster.....	J P Talley.....	Bellefontaine.....
Fellowship.....	Webster.....	J F Johnson.....	Greensboro.....
Greensboro.....	Webster.....	J T Dunn.....	Alva.....
Harmony.....	Moulgonier.....	J W Skelton.....	Walhall.....
Hebron.....	Webster.....	J W Howard.....	Atlanta.....
Midway.....	Calhoun.....	G W Howard.....	Greensboro.....
Mr. Vernon.....	Webster.....	J W Stickland.....	Stickland.....
Mhilligan Springs.....	Webster.....	W B Hardin.....	Mayfield.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	Webster.....	S G Hunter.....	Ontherfield.....
Mt. Zion.....	Webster.....	W R Solley.....	Calogat.....
Montpelier.....	(Chap.).....	J F Mitchell.....	Big Springs.....

15	Mulberry	Montgomery	W T Hicks	J R Freeman	Lodi
26	New Liberty	Montgomery	T N Lusk	J T Townsend	Lodi
26	New Hope	Webster	T H Wilson	H H Fox	Slate Springs
26	New Philadelphia	Webster	T P H Wilson	T J Cooper	Cadaretta
26	Pleasant Grove	Grenada	A B Hlok	T N Ross	Atlanta
26	Pleasant Grove	Grenada	M C Allen	John James	Williamsville
26	Pleasant Hill	Montgomery	A H Booth	A Bruns	Winona
26	Providence	Gallouin	L W Preddy	P W Moreland	Resaca
26	Shiloh	Gallouin	M C Allen	W M Smith	Berea
26	Spring Hill	Gallouin	T N Lusk	J A Dunn	Minerva
26	Spring Valley	Webster	S M Cole	W A Hardin	Hopewell
26	Spring Creek	Webster	T H Middleton	T P Norris	Spring Valley
26	Salisbury	Gallouin	A B Hlok	W M Martin	Williamsville
26	Union	Webster	J C Peacock	J T Freeman	Fay
26	Walthall	Webster	J P Thompson	E Everett	Walthall
26	Wakeforest	Webster	J P Mitchell	W G Davis	Cumberland

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STRATEGIC TAPER

